

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1.(original) A high-pressure discharge lamp provided with a discharge vessel (10) with a ceramic wall (1) which is closed at one end by a plug (2) provided with an electrode (3) arranged in the discharge vessel, the ceramic wall (1) and the plug (2) being jointed by a fusion joint (4), characterized in that
 the fusion joint (4) comprises an alloy comprising substantially molybdenum and aluminum.
2. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the fusion joint (4) comprises at least 25 atom percent Mo.
3. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the fusion joint (4) comprises a material selected from the group formed by Al_8Mo_3 , $\text{Al}_{63}\text{Mo}_{37}$, $\text{Al}_{63}\text{Mo}_{37}$, AlMo , AlMo_3 and combinations of said materials.
- 4.(currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the plug (2) comprises a material selected from the group formed by molybdenum, tungsten and combinations of said materials.
5. (original) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the ceramic wall (1) comprises aluminum nitride.

6. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the lamp is a metal halide lamp.

7. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the lamp has a power rating of at least 100 W.